

Transport sector reforms

1735. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Centre proposes to extend financial help to the State Governments which propose to undertake reforms in the transport sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have undertaken the largest ever road improvement and upgradation programme through the National Highways Development Projects; and
- (d) if so, the details of the roads that have been upgraded in Orissa State under the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA). (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details of upgraded roads under National Highways Development Project in the State of Orissa as on 31st October, 2006 is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

The details of upgraded roads under National Highways Development Project in the State of Orissa as on 31st October, 2006

National Highway No.	Stretches	Length completed (in Kms)
1	2	3
60 5	Laxmannath-Baleswar Balasore-	48.5
5 5	Bhadrak Bhadrak-Chandikhole Bridges section Balasore-	35.4
	Chandikhole	75.5
		5.65

1	2	3
5	Chandikhole-Jagatpur	27.8
5	Jagatpur-Bhubaneswar	28
5	Bhubaneswar-Khurda	24.607
5	Khurda-Sunakhala	52.058
5	Sunakhala-Ganjam	21.202
5A	Road connectivity to major ports Phase II (Paradip Port)	11

Contracts under NHDP Phase II and III

1736. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Highways Development Programme has not awarded a single project as it had set a target of awarding about 3000 km. Highway Projects under NHDP Phase II and III during the current year;
- (b) if so, what were the main reasons for not awarding a single contract;
- (c) the persons responsible for this; and
- (d) what action Government propose to take to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) No, Sir. The National Highways Authority of India has awarded 18 contracts of about 615 km length under the National Highways Development Project during 2006-07 upto 31.10.2006.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Sub-standard work on NH between Panipat and Sonepat

1737. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: